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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR UPDATES TO NAMES, TITLES
AND CONTACT NUMBERS FOR LEADING GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL
OFFICIALS

REF: SECSTATE 54250

¶1. This cable is in response to reftel.

¶2. Country: Republic of India

Date: May 30, 2008

India Country Code is 91.

New Delhi Area Code is 11.

Both (91) and (11) must be dialed prior to all landline
numbers below. The Area Code is omitted for mobile phone
numbers.

Head of Government

Last/Family Name: Singh
First/Middle Names: Manmohan
Conventional Usage: Prime Minister Singh/Mr. Prime Minister
Formal Title: Prime Minister
Office Telephone Numbers: 2301-2312, 2301-6857
After-Hours Official Numbers: 2301-8939, 2301-6060
Residence Telephone Numbers: 2301-8939, 2301-6060
Cell Phone Numbers:
Comments: Prime Minister Singh speaks fluent English.
Private Secretaries B.V.R. Subramaniam and Jaideep Sarkar
handle calls and meeting requests for Prime Minister Singh.
Both speak excellent English.

Head of State

Last/Family Name: Patil
First/Middle Names: Pratibha
Conventional Usage: President Patil/Madam President
Formal Title: President
Office Telephone Numbers: 2301-4930, 2301-3488
After-Hours Official Numbers: 2301-5321
Residence Telephone Numbers: 2338-6655
Cell Phone Numbers:
Comments: President Patil speaks fluent English. Private
Secretary R.J. Jadhav handles all the calls and meetings of
President Patil.

Foreign Minister

Last/Family Name: Mukherjee
First/Middle Names: Pranab
Conventional Usage: Foreign Minister Mukherjee/Mr. Minister
Formal Title: External Affairs Minister (EAM)
Office Telephone Numbers: 2301-1127/1165
After-Hours Official Numbers: 2373-7623
Residence Telephone Numbers: 2373-7657
Cell Phone Numbers:

Comments: Foreign Minister Mukherjee speaks fluent but heavily accented English. Private Secretary Anil Verma takes the Minister's calls. He is fluent in English.

Defense Minister
Last/Family Name: Antony
First/Middle Names: A.K.
Conventional Usage: Defense Minister Antony/Mr. Minister
Formal Title: Defense Minister
Office Telephone Numbers: 2301-2286, 2301-9030
After-Hours Official Numbers: as above
Residence Telephone Numbers: 2371-1160, 2336-6744
Cell Phone Numbers:
Comments: Defense Minister Antony speaks passable but heavily accented English. Private Secretary Dheeraj Gupta handles the Minister's calls and meeting schedules. He speaks fluent English.

Leader of the Opposition
Last/Family Name: Advani
First/Middle Names: Lal Krishna
Conventional Usage: Mr. Advani
Formal Title: Leader of Opposition
Office Telephone Numbers: 2301-6705, 2303-4285
After-Hours Official Numbers:
Residence Telephone Numbers: 2379-4124, 2379-4125
Cell Phone Numbers: 9811111199
Comments: Mr. Advani speaks fluent English. Private Secretary Chopra handles the important calls and appointments

in Advani's role as the Leader of the Opposition.
Alternatively, the principal staffer at home is Prakash Chander.

Chairperson of the ruling United Progressive Alliance (UPA) coalition
Last/Family Name: Gandhi
First/Middle Names: Sonia
Conventional Usage: Madam Gandhi
Formal Title: UPA Chairperson
Office Telephone Numbers: 2301-4161/2301-4481/2301-5584
After-Hours Official Numbers: 2301-4161/2301-4481/2301-5584
Residence Telephone Numbers: 2301-4161/2301-4481/2301-5584
Cell Phone Numbers:
Comments: Sonia Gandhi speaks fluent English. Private Secretary Madhavan takes all important calls for Mrs. Gandhi.
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